## **News Release**



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## Reservations Available for Christmas at Hearst Castle ®

**SAN SIMEON, CA** – Christmas was one of William Randolph Hearst's favorite holidays. San Simeon was an enchanted setting for entertaining on a grand scale, and invitations to Hearst Castle® during the holidays were highly coveted.

"You can come at any time of the day or night and get an equally enjoyable experience," said Museum Director Hoyt Fields of California State Parks.

At Christmastime, The Assembly Room, The Refectory, and The Morning Room contain lavish decorations of hand-made garlands, brilliant red poinsettias, and two 18-foot Christmas trees fully decorated with lights and traditional ornaments. The Experience Tour during the daytime includes these rooms for viewing.

Beginning in November this yearly tradition of Christmas decorations starts to unfold. The staff at Hearst Castle® will be decorating the castle from November 13<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> the decorating will be complete for the public to enjoy. Tours are offered daily, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Reservations are highly recommended due to the limited availability. The Experience Tour prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 6 through 17.

For Tour Reservations Please Call (800) 444-4445 or register online at www.hearstcastle.com

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